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POLYESTER-BASED FIBER  
FOR ARTIFICIAL HAIR

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	COUNTRY
JP 53-056250	05/22/1978	Toyobo Co. Ltd.
JP 54-043546	04/06/1979	Mitsubishi Electric Corp.
JP 63-185992	08/01/1988	Nippon Ester Co. Ltd.

### OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

International Search Report from Corresponding International Application  
No. PCT/JP2004/012039, dated December 7, 2004, 2 pages.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

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Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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